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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Application No.:          | 10/780,270                | § | Examiner:       | Farrokh, Hashem |
| Filed:                    | February 17, 2004         | § | Group/Art Unit: | 2187            |
| Inventors:                |                           | § | Atty. Dkt. No:  | 5681-76100      |
| Michael S. Bender, et al. |                           | § |                 |                 |
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| Title:                    | System and Method for     | § |                 |                 |
|                           | Accessing Storage Devices | § |                 |                 |
|                           | Attached to a Stateless   | § |                 |                 |
|                           | Client                    | § |                 |                 |
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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 IN RESPONSE TO NEW GROUND OF  
REJECTION IN DECISION ON APPEAL**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the new ground of rejection raised in the Decision on Request for Rehearing of March 8, 2010. Pursuant to CFR 41.50(b)(1), Applicants request that prosecution of the present application be reopened.

Please amend the case as listed below.